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(c) The Government of Kerala were informed that if they desired to make any ex-gratia payment to the ex-employees of the former Travancore-Cochin State now in the Transport Department in Kanyakumari district from their own funds, this Government had no objection to pass on the amounts to the concerned persons. There is no reply so far to this suggestion.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : May I know whether this Government are aware of the fact that the present Government of Kerala feel that this bonus is a deferred wage and consider that they are in duty bound to pay the arrears of seven months' bonus to the workers? Will the Government at least inform the Government of Kerala that without any demand being made to this Government, they are prepared to allow the workers to receive the bonus?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is exactly what we have written. We have written to the Kerala Government that if they wanted to pay bonus for the seven months up to November 1956 they can pass it on to the Government of Madras and they will disburse it to the workers. But we have not received a reply to this from the Kerala Government.

(Some Members rose from their seats.)

MR. SPEAKER : If hon. Members are not satisfied and feel sufficient time has not been given for supplementaries, they are at liberty to move that the question be taken on some other day. With limited time I cannot allow many supplementaries.

Co-operative Department

* 304 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Ramachandran) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to revise the scales of pay of Junior Inspectors, Senior Inspectors and Sub-Registrars of the Co-operative Department?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government have received such a proposal from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Pottery

* 305 *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the places where the schemes for the development of pottery industry are being implemented; and

(b) whether anything of special mention is taught there?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) A statement [a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as appendix IV on pages 225-226 infra.